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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The invention described and claimed herein below is also described in German Patent Application DE 10 2003 11 834.0 filed on July 17, 2003. This German Patent Application, provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a screw connection element and to a protective covering applicable on an outer thread portion thereof.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS